

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

The text of all pending claims, (including withdrawn claims) is set forth below. Cancelled and not entered claims are indicated with claim number and status only. The claims as listed below show added text with underlining and deleted text with ~~striketrough~~. When strikethrough cannot easily be perceived, or when five or fewer characters are deleted, [[double brackets]] are used to show the deletion. The status of each claim is indicated with one of (original), (currently amended), (cancelled), (withdrawn), (new), (previously presented), or (not entered).

Please AMEND claims 1, 3, 4, and 8-26 in accordance with the following:

1. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A data converting apparatus comprising:

Q. a data converting part converting a set of input data into a set of image data that can be processed by an image forming apparatus forming an image on a medium in accordance with the set of image data; and

a superimposing part superimposing at least two sets of image data converted from at least two different sets of input data in accordance with limitation information showing a limitation of use of at least one set of image data ~~so as~~ to generate a single set of superimposed image data,

wherein the image forming apparatus forms an image on the medium based on the single set of superimposed image data.

2. (ORIGINAL) The data converting apparatus as claimed in claim 1, further comprising a data sending part sending the single set of superimposed image data to the image forming apparatus.

3. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The data converting apparatus as claimed in claim 1, further comprising a form storing part selectively storing the set of image data converted from the set of input data as a predetermined form that is superimposed and storing the limitation information by associating with the predetermined form.

4. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The data converting apparatus as claimed in claim 3, wherein ~~said the~~ form storing part comprises a registration part registering the set of image data as a predetermined form that is superimposed.

5. (ORIGINAL) The data converting apparatus as claimed in claim 3, further comprising a form selecting part selecting one of at least one predetermined form stored by the form storing part.

6. (ORIGINAL) The data converting apparatus as claimed in claim 3, further comprising a form changing part changing the predetermined form stored by the form storing part.

Q. 7. (ORIGINAL) The data converting apparatus as claimed in claim 6, further comprising a store control part selectively storing the predetermined form changed by the form changing part.

8. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The data converting apparatus as claimed in claim 7, wherein ~~said the~~ form changing part changes layout information of the predetermined form on the medium, which information ~~said the~~ form storing part stores by associating with the predetermined form.

9. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The data converting apparatus as claimed in claim 1, further comprising a previewing part previewing ~~said the~~ single set of superimposed image data generated by ~~said the~~ superimposing part.

10. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) ~~The~~ data converting apparatus ~~as claimed in claim 3,~~ further comprising:

a data converting part converting a set of input data into a set of image data that can be processed by an image forming apparatus forming an image on a medium in accordance with the set of image data;


a superimposing part superimposing at least two sets of image data converted from at least two different sets of input data to generate a single set of superimposed image data, the

image forming apparatus forming an image on the medium based on the single set of superimposed image data;

a form storing part selectively storing the set of image data converted from the set of input data as a predetermined form that is superimposed; and

a limiting part limiting use of the predetermined form in accordance with limitation information that ~~said~~ the form storing part stores by associating with the predetermined form.

11. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A method for converting data comprising ~~the steps of:~~  
~~(a)~~ converting a set of input data into a set of image data that can be processed by an image forming apparatus forming an image on a medium in accordance with the set of image data; and

 ~~(b)~~ superimposing at least two sets of image data converted from at least two different sets of input data in accordance with limitation information showing a limitation of use of at least one set of image data so as to generate a single set of superimposed image data,

wherein the image forming apparatus forms an image on the medium based on the single set of superimposed image data.

12. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The method for converting data as claimed in claim 11, further comprising ~~the steps of~~ sending the single set of superimposed image data to the image forming apparatus.

13. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The method as claimed in claim 11, wherein said step ~~(b) superimposed~~ superimposing superimposes at least one set of image data over another set of image data that is converted from the set of input data and stored as a predetermined form.

14. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The method as claimed in claim 13, wherein said step ~~(b) superimposing~~ selects a desired form from at least one predetermined form and superimposes at least one set of image data over the desired form.

15. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The method as claimed in claim 13, wherein said step ~~(b) superimposing enables to change~~ changing of the predetermined form.

16. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The method as claimed in claim 13, wherein said step (b) superimposing enables ~~to change~~ changing of layout information that indicates a position where the predetermined form is formed on a the medium and is stored by associating with the predetermined form.

17. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The method as claimed in claim 11, further comprising the step of previewing said the single set of superimposed image data generated by said step (b) superimposing.

18. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) ~~The~~<sup>A</sup> method for converting data as claimed in claim 11, further comprising:

converting a set of input data into a set of image data that can be processed by an image forming apparatus forming an image on a medium in accordance with the set of image data;

superimposing at least two sets of image data converted from at least two different sets of input data to generate a single set of superimposed image data, the image forming apparatus forming an image on the medium based on the single set of superimposed image data; and

~~the step of~~ limiting use of the predetermined form in accordance with limitation information that is stored by associating with the predetermined form.

19. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A computer-readable recording medium recorded with a program for ~~causing~~ controlling a computer to convert data, ~~said the~~ program comprising ~~the steps of~~ a process of:

(a) ~~converting~~ a set of input data into a set of image data that can be processed by an image forming apparatus forming an image on a medium in accordance with the set of image data; and

(b) ~~superimposing~~ at least two sets of image data converted from at least two different sets of input data in accordance with limitation information showing a limitation of use of at least one set of image data so as to generate a single set of superimposed image data,

wherein the image forming apparatus forms an image on the medium based on the single set of superimposed image data.

20. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The computer-readable recording medium ~~recorded as~~ claimed in claim 19, further comprising ~~the steps of~~ sending the single set of superimposed image data to the image forming apparatus.

21. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The computer-readable recording medium as claimed in claim 19, wherein said ~~step (b) superimposed~~ superimposing superimposes at least one set of image data over another set of image data that is converted from the set of input data and stored as a predetermined form.

22. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The computer-readable recording medium as claimed in claim 19, wherein said ~~step (b) superimposing~~ selects a desired form from at least one predetermined form and superimposes at least one set of image data over the desired form.

23. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The ~~method~~ computer-readable recording medium as claimed in claim 21, wherein said ~~step (b) superimposing~~ enables ~~to change~~ changing of the predetermined form.

24. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The ~~method~~ computer-readable recording medium as claimed in claim 21, wherein said ~~step (b) superimposing~~ enables ~~to change~~ changing of layout information that indicates a position where the predetermined form is formed on a the medium and is stored by associating with the predetermined form.

25. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The ~~method~~ computer-readable recording medium as claimed in claim 19, further comprising ~~the step of~~ previewing said the single set of superimposed image data generated by said ~~step (b) superimposing~~.

26. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) ~~The~~ A computer-readable recording medium recorded with a program for controlling a computer to convert data, the program method as claimed in claim 19, further comprising a process of:

converting a set of input data into a set of image data that can be processed by an image forming apparatus forming an image on a medium in accordance with the set of image data;

Q. superimposing at least two sets of image data converted from at least two different sets of input data to generate a single set of superimposed image data, the image forming apparatus forming an image on the medium based on the single set of superimposed image data; and  
the step of limiting use of the predetermined form in accordance with limitation information that is stored by associating with the predetermined form.

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